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LIQUOR QUESTION UPPERMOST TOPIC

Probability of Fight in Richmond Discussed by All Classes.

HOW ELECTION IS CALLED

Petition Must Contain Signatures of One-Fourth as Many as Voted in November.

In nearly every gathering and among all classes of citizens, the chief topic of discussion here yesterday was the probability of a fight in Richmond over the sale of liquor. In view of the announcement made on the subject by Mr. James Cannon, Jr., of the Anti-Saloon League, various and sundry opinions being expressed as to the result, should the battle be actually brought on.

It may not be interesting, in view of the discussion of the matter at this time, to point out the methods by which local option elections are ordered, and what are the preliminary steps necessary, in the matter. Section 581 of the Code provides that in order to bring about a local option election in a city, there shall be presented to the Corporation or Hustings Court judge, a petition bearing the signatures of a number of qualified voters equal to one-fourth of the total number cast in said city at the last preceding general election held in November, and that the judge of such court shall, within ten days after the presentation of said petition, order an election to be held.

It is further provided that the judge shall direct the sergeant to post notices for the election in each voting precinct of the city, and to notify the election officers that such election will be held. The law provides that at least thirty days shall elapse between the time of posting the notices and the holding of the election. Whatever may be the result of another election on the subject cannot be held until two years have elapsed.

These are in a general way the requirements fixed by law for the calling of local option elections in cities.

Wet, Wet Last Time.
 In the recent presidential election held in Richmond, which is to be the basis of any petition presented for a liquor fight here between now and next November, 5,239 votes were cast. One-fourth of this number being 1,350, the signatures of at least that many qualified voters would be required to the petition when presented to Judge Witt.

There has been no election in Richmond on the liquor question since April 27, 1907, when the voters prevailed a vote of 8,911 to 3,291. The anti-liquor forces lost heavily in all the wards, carrying only one precinct in the city. That was Third Marshall, where the vote was dry, 336; wet, 299. This contest was fought out under the condition that the voters of the city should be divided into two groups, one for and one against the sale of liquor. The colored people at that time had a heavy vote in Richmond, and they lined up strongly with the wets. The vote, however, in the white wards shows that the anti-liquor forces were weak all over the city, and were defeated by considerably more than two to one.

Lynchburg and Manchester voted on the question the same day, and both went wet. The vote in these cities was as follows: Lynchburg—Wet, 2,575; dry, 1,138. Manchester—Wet, 974; dry, 348.

The election held here in 1886 was ordered at the instance of the wet forces. The matter had been agitated by the dries, and the wets presented a petition and had the election pulled off as early as they could permit.

Falls Into Ditch.
 Chris Evenson, painfully injured by walking into deep excavation.

Supposing the lanterns to be on the opposite side of the ditch, Mr. Chris Evenson, of the city on business and is stopping at Rutzger's.

Col. Canton Here.
 Colonel James R. Canton, of Alexandria, is in the city on business and is stopping at Rutzger's.

Fine Apple Crop.
 Former State Senator Blain Massie, of Nelson county, who was here last night attending the State Fisheries Commission, says his apple crop this year was very fine. Mr. Massie is one of the most successful apple growers in the Piedmont section of the State.

CROWDS DODGE AS WAGONS RUSH MADLY BY WITH GIFTS

Twenty-Five Thousand Packages Delivered Daily After Shoppers Invade Broad Street—Busy Season Makes Dealers Happy.

Christmas Day is less than one week off, and with shoppers innumerable and a horde of young people swarming out to see the pretty things, Broad Street is the daily scene of almost unprecedented activity. In the basements of the big department stores the greatest crowds are found, while along the sidewalks it is almost impossible to dodge an innumerable line of men, women and children.

Everybody is in a hurry, and from the bustle it seems that everybody is behind time in securing suitable presents for chosen friends. Door bells are ringing incessantly, and all times of the day and until midnight citizens are being interrupted by the arrival of wagons delivering holiday goods.

Packages and bundles and barrels and boxes, and bottles and jugs and cans and crates and casks are packed many feet high in freight depots and in the offices of express companies, and from indications it seems that holiday gifts of all kinds—except hogs, bears, tigers, elephants and such other things that are not to be sent out from this city to the four corners of the earth.

Barrels and jugs of whiskey, pound and fruit cakes, toys, Christmas tree decorations, clothing, musical instruments, jewelry, books, dresses and undressed turkeys and many other articles are included in the shipments being made. It seems that a little of everything is going out, not excluding explosives in the shape of fire-crackers.

POLICE BOARD ELECTS M'MAHON CHIEF OF THE DETECTIVE FORCE

Tomlinson Reduced to Sergeant, and Given Furlough Because of Ill Health.

NEW MAN WON ON HIS MERIT

Orders Issued That Department Jealousy Must Cease for Good of the Service.

As the result of the recent agitation concerning proposed changes in the detective force of the Richmond Police Department, about which there has been so much discussion of late, the Board of Police Commissioners last night detailed Sergeant T. J. McMahon as captain of detectives and reduced Captain A. M. Tomlinson, who had been acting in that capacity for many years, to a sergeant on the force. The vote on the question was unanimous.

While the change was regarded as absolutely necessary—and changes are bound to occur at various times on the police force in order to increase its efficiency—no reflection is cast upon the character of Captain Tomlinson, and the detailing of Sergeant McMahon as captain was done solely upon merit.

Must Stop Jealousy.
 The change, however, reaches further down into the heart of things. The commissioners let it be understood that jealousy should no more interfere with the work of the department and that absolute harmony should hereafter prevail among the different branches of the force. The most strict discipline will be enforced, according to the instructions of the commissioners, and any man found to be derelict in his duty will be promptly discharged, if the offense is grave enough, or heavily fined if it be of lesser degree.

Captain McMahon will be required to report all derelictions to Major Werner, whose position and authority are in no wise affected. One thing is certain, that the board will see to it that harmony is maintained at any cost, and that no more of the kind of things they should occur at any time, shall not be aired before the public, but shall be considered and settled by themselves in the proper course of things.

Many "Shake-Up" Rumors.
 When it was first learned that there was to be a "shake-up" all sorts of rumors were circulated. The changes, according to the reports, were to be much wider and more far-reaching, than the board had intended, and the necessity for such a radical move, and asserted that this change was made in the interest of the department and for the betterment of the force. Captain Tomlinson is one of the most valuable men the department has ever had. He has been in the service for many years, and has been a very ill man, and the change was reached by some sort of mutual agreement.

He sent in a resignation to the board stating that his health is in such a condition that he could not attend to the heavy duties as chief of detectives, and he therefore asked to be relieved.

He was relieved of the captaincy, but still remains a member of the force. In consideration of his recent illness, a thirty-day furlough was granted him, and it is expected that he will leave the city for a change and a chance to recuperate his impaired health during that time.

As that will leave a vacancy in the force, his place will be filled by one of the present acting detectives. He has numerous friends, especially among the bankers, for whom he has performed many valuable services, and they have taken much interest in his case. Others, too, have expressed much confidence and numerous solicitations to help him in case of need. He retires from the head of the department, for which he has worked so long, with the regret that he will be unable to continue the usefulness of his part and with the good-will of the people of the city.

Wet, Wet Last Time.
 Captain McMahon was awarded the appointment because of his excellent career and ability. For the last month he has achieved a fine record, and he has won the confidence of both the board and the public. It is believed that he will make as good a captain as he has been a sergeant, and by their action last night the commissioners show that they have appointed the best man they could. He began his police career as a patrolman seventeen years ago, and has been on the detective force about five years. He is a general detective work. He is forty-five years of age.

The board last night did not consider any further changes, and there will be no more for the present unless exigencies arise. The department has done excellent work lately, and the commissioners now feel assured that improvements will continue, and that the two changes will redound to the benefit of the whole department without casting reflection on any one.

ROBS ROOM AS WOMAN SLEEPS

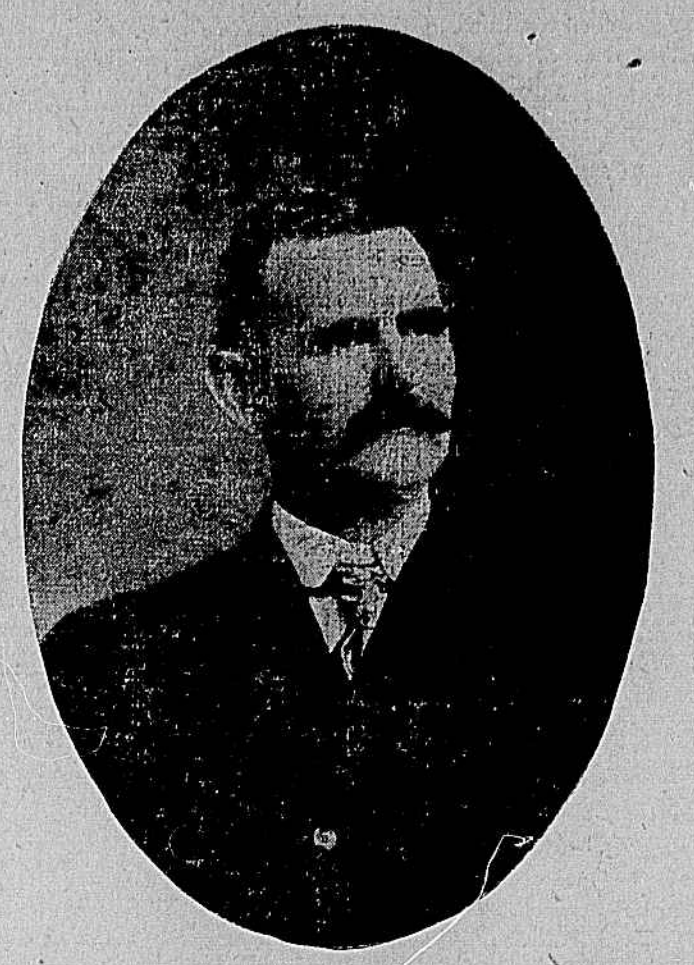
Thief Enters House of Mrs. F. H. Powell and Gets \$12; Then Skips Out.

Entering the house through the open street door and walking through a room where a woman slept on the bed, a thief early last night robbed the house of Mrs. F. H. Powell, of No. 106 West Marshall Street, and secured \$12.

The money was in a purse placed on a table in the room which the sleeper occupied. She never stirred as the man searched and then left the room. He took the purse from the table and walked into the room in the rear, where he emptied it of its contents, throwing the pocketbook down on the bed. Then he as carefully retraced his steps.

The theft was not discovered until the sleeper awoke and other members of the family, entering the room, found that the money was missing.

The thief is evidently an adept, for he walked up a flight of stairs without being heard, and returned without making a sound.



THOMAS J. McMAHON.

SEIZE BEER IN WESTERN HILLS

Revenue Agent Chapman Receives Reports of Successful Raids.

Colonel William H. Chapman, United States internal revenue agent, receives reports from his subordinates in several Western counties yesterday which indicate that the illegal manufacture of distilled spirits is going along briskly, and that deputies are hot on the trail of the violators. In some cases the owners were found at their stills, while in others warrants were issued for men who escaped after the government employees started to work in their neighborhood.

Deputy Agent Catron reports the seizure of a fifty-five-gallon copper still near Flat Gap, Wise county, not far from the Kentucky border. Eight fermenters were taken. The property is believed to have belonged to Virgil Westmoreland, who escaped.

Near Haddonfield, in the same county, 700 gallons of beer were seized, besides a sixty-five-gallon still, set up and ready for use. Noah Sowards, alleged owner of the plant, escaped, although he had been seen to go to the still a few hours before the raid. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

In Henry county, Revenue Inspector H. J. Akor, with the assistance of several deputies, succeeded in capturing a seven-gallon copper still near Noia. Eight fermenters and 1,200 gallons of beer were found on the premises. J. W. Holly acknowledged ownership of the plant, and was arrested.

Deputies Tucker, Gravely and Hodges, whose reports from Franklin county have told of rough life in the hills, made a successful raid Tuesday and recovered two stills, sixteen fermenters and 400 gallons of beer. This raid was made near Tamesa, a mile from which point a raid was made the following day. In the latter raid a ninety-gallon still was seized, and J. R. Underwood and John Sigmund were arrested as operators.

SENATOR DANIEL SPENDS DAY HERE

Confers With State Officials in Matter of Passenger Rate Litigation.

United States Senator John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Washington, and is stopping at the Richmond.

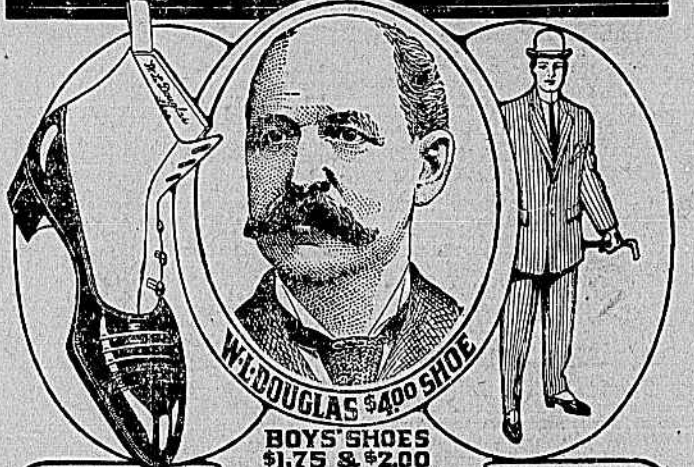
Major Daniel, who is associate counsel for the State in the passenger rate litigation, held a long conference with Attorney-General William A. Anderson in the latter's office, and called later on the members of the Corporation Commission in their rooms at the Capitol. The rate matter was, of course, discussed, but Major Daniel said, when seen last night, that there was nothing new in the situation.

In speaking of national affairs, the senator said he did not expect a great deal of legislation at the short session of Congress. He declared that the postal savings bank bill was now under consideration in the Senate, and that the tariff hearings were engaging attention on the House side. Major Daniel is opposed to the bank bill, and will cast his vote against it when it is put upon its final passage.

He is hopeful of seeing the old Mr. Vernon called allowed the State of Virginia, and says Representative Carlin is working earnestly for the bill on the House side.

Major Daniel got it through the Senate on several occasions, but it has never passed the House. He expects the tariff question to be one of the most important matters before the Sixty-first Congress.

Major Daniel is in good health and spirits, though he was slightly fatigued last night as a result of travel and constant work in Washington. He will return to the national capital today, and will go from there to his home in Lynchburg to spend the holidays.

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REJECT PLAN FOR NEAR SIDE STOPS

Ordinance Providing for Change in Movement of Street Cars Killed by Committee.

REGULATE CITY PRINTING

Measure to Appoint Superintendent Approved—To Revise Tax Collection Plan.

After full discussion, the Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, last night recommended the rejection of the ordinance which requires street cars to stop on the near side of the street. The measure has again and again come up, once having passed the Council, and then tabled in the upper branch. Mr. Charles R. Winston appeared for the Trawlers and Power Company, presenting letters from fourteen large cities, in which six use the near side, and eight the far. New York City, he stated, after a test, had in response to popular clamor, gone back to the plan of stopping cars on the far side.

Had One Advantage.
 The only advantage in the plan, he said, would be to cut out two stops at junction points where new stopping on both sides of such streets. The position of the company was that to stop on the near side, especially on unpaved streets, or in snowy weather, forced passengers to wade through the front platform, which increases the danger, handicaps the motorman, and in cold weather, chills the car.

Mr. Elliott, patron of the ordinance, said it was recommended by the Fire Board, as cars stopping on the near side were likely to collide with fire apparatus driven rapidly through the streets. Mr. Elliott said, in spite of the company's opposition, every line in the city allowed the use of the front platform. Members of the committee thought the present system satisfactory, and the ordinance was recommended for rejection, only Mr. Elliott voting in the affirmative.

A resolution requesting the street car companies to grant free transportation to inmates of Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, when in uniform, was recommended to the Council for adoption. The request carries with it no obligation.

Taxes Not Collected.
 The Hirschberg resolution, providing for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the methods of collecting delinquent taxes, was recommended to the Council after discussion. Mr. Hirschberg, who was present, said he had no ordinance on the subject to offer. He merely desired the appointment of a committee to inquire into the more effective means of collecting delinquent taxes.

Mr. Elliott supported the resolution, saying that the books showed more than \$300,000 of uncollected taxes, to which \$20,000 or \$30,000 is being added each year in arrears of taxes.

"The delinquent tax collector," said Mr. Elliott, "only gets 5 per cent. He does just what any one else would do—goes after the big fish and leaves the little ones out. We should have deputy collectors, who could get as much as 20 per cent. on all sums less than \$5."

The appointment of the committee of inquiry was recommended.

An ordinance providing for a rebate of sewer tax wherever city water is not available was recommended for adoption. The ordinance was recommended for the establishment of a precinct in Lee Ward, at No. 1815 West Broad Street.

Regulate City Printing.
 Mr. Cutchins reported for a subcommittee on City Printing that the City Attorney had advised him that it was only necessary to amend the Charter, not a city ordinance, to secure the printing of all ordinances and resolutions offered in the Council. No action was taken.

The subcommittee reported favorably on the City Attorney's advice, and the Council will take action on the matter.

The ordinance was enthusiastically recommended to the Council, the delays and inefficiency of city printing recently having made it apparent to every department of the government that a change must be made.

The ordinance providing for a board of public improvements was again passed by.

ALUMNI'S BANQUET

Randolph-Macon Graduates Have Celebration at the Jefferson.

The banquet hall of the Jefferson Hotel last night was the scene of a banquet of the Randolph-Macon College, sixty loyal graduates of the institution attended, making it one of the most successful since the founding of the association in 1902.

After a delightful served repast, Mr. Robert Howland introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Edward C. Armstrong, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Dr. Armstrong was the guest of the college, treated the needs of the college in his address.

Regrets were read from several prominent men, among them being a letter from Governor Swanson, who is also a graduate. The toastmaster, Dr. Thomas D. Merriell, called upon the following to make a toast: "The Board of Trustees," Dr. F. P. Litchcomb; "The Faculty," Dr. Frank L. Day; "Our Sister—The Women of the College," Dr. W. L. Smith; "Our Alma Mater," Prof. Arthur Kyle Davis; "Our Alumni Association," Mr. James Mullen; "Our Alma Mater," Dr. Joseph N. Latham; "We—Our Importation," Mr. Louis McK. Jenkins.

PRESENT PORTRAIT
 Lee Camp Receives Picture of General William H. Payne, C. S. A.

Colonel Thomas Smith, of Fauquier county, presented the handsome portrait of General William H. Payne to Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, at their hall last night. Mr. Leigh Robinson, of Washington, D. C., received the portrait, both speakers were introduced by members of the camp, and their speeches elicited glowing terms. The portrait of General Payne, both during the war, as a gallant soldier, and afterward, as an able lawyer and politician, Rev. James Fowler Smith, D. D., opened the exercises of the evening, and Dr. C. W. P. Brock, commander, presided.

A portrait of General Armstrong will be presented to Lee Camp at January 1910. Rev. James E. Polk will deliver the presentation address.

Writ of Error Refused.
 In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday a writ of error was refused in the case of the Stag Hotel Corporation against the Hotel Columbus, Browne Company and the Atlantic Trust and Deposit Company. This case is from the Corporation Court of the city of Norfolk.

MAYOR APPROVES MANY NEW LAWS

Batch of Unimportant Measures Added to Already Large Volume.

Mayor Richardson returned to City Clerk Ben T. August with his approval yesterday the following ordinances:

Appropriating \$15,000 for fire protection and fire escapes on the public schools.

Fixing grade of alley between Main and Cary and Fifteenth and Seventeenth Streets.

Ordering allegations on grading and paving with granite spalls an alley between Monroe and Henry and Main and Franklin Streets.

Authorizing the payment to J. W. Crater, employee of the Street Department, of \$11, time lost while hurt in city employ.

Adopting profile and grades of alley between Main Street and Floyd Avenue and Rowland and Stearns Streets.

Directing the City Engineer to acquire without compensation land to open and widen streets and alleys in the annexed territory between P and Thirty-first Streets and the east corporation line.

Adopting the profiles of streets and alleys in the same section of the annexed territory.

Authorizing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, through the Finance Committee, to make a temporary loan of \$75,000 to enable the purchase of the entire issue of \$175,000 city bonds due January 1st.

Transferring \$150 from New Reservoir and \$100 from Marshall Reservoir accounts to account of Water Works expenses.

Appropriating \$1,000 to National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Appropriating \$200 for sewer connections.

Authorizing the Committee on Street Cleaning to pay W. C. Via \$22 for time lost after being killed by a car.

Directing the Auditor to mark satisfied bill of \$22.06, against Thomas L. Richardson, for grading and paving alley.

Authorizing the Treasurer to "exchange" adding machine in his office and appropriating \$400 for difference.

Directing the City Attorney to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation land to open alleys west of the Boulevard, between Park Avenue and Monument Avenue, and an alley 150 feet west of the Boulevard and parallel thereto.

Granting permission to W. A. Chesterman to construct balconies over sidewalk at Adams and Franklin Streets.

Providing for custodian of City Auditorium at \$900 a year.

Permitting M. D. Hoge, C. H. Archer and C. P. Seitz to use city water at houses on Boulevard, in Henrico county.

Conferring police power on Chief Health Officer, medical inspector, sanitary officers and assistant inspector of plumbing, of Health Department.

Authorizing construction of gas main in Taylor Street, west of Meadow Street, and appropriating \$399 therefor.

Mr. Spooner Calls.
 Among Governor Swanson's prominent callers yesterday was Rev. George H. Spooner, of Portsmouth, former pastor of Broad Street M. E. Church, of this city. The Governor and Mr. Spooner were classmates in college, and are warm personal friends.

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